

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
February 23rd, 2015 Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118, Room 1C**

Present:

Board members:

Alexei Levine, Board Chair
Matt Olds, Board Member
Ann Marie, Board Member
Jennie Pelletier, Board Member
Sheri Sarmento, Board Member
Paul Andrews, Board Member

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Assoc. Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Fei Chen, Board Administrator
Wendy Barrientos, Board Administrator
Shawn Croke, Investigator

Item 1) 10:06 a.m. Meeting called to order

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure** – Associate Executive Director detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency.

Item 2) 10:07 a.m. Board Meeting Minutes:

- **December 8, 2014-** Approved
- **January 12, 2015-** Tabled for March Board meeting

Mr. Levine motioned to approve the December Public Session and Executive Session minutes. Mr. Olds seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3) 10:08 a.m. Board Counsel Report:

Board counsel discussed pause period on regulations until the end of March.
Board reviewed proposed policy # 15-001, made revisions and suggestions regarding implementation and will vote at the next Board Meeting.

Item 4) 10:21 a.m. Application Review:

Appl.# 2804 (CA)-Multiple therapist establishment application owner, Christina Abbott, came in front of the Board with Christopher Doremus, friend of Ms. Abbott. Board reviewed owner's prior record of professional discipline.

Mr. Andrews moved to continue with application process. Mr. Levine seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5) 10:28 a.m. **Investigate Conference: Review Cases** [*closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C*]

Mr. Levine moved to suspend the open meeting and enter closed session to conduct an investigative conference, pursuant to *MGL c. 112, §65C* to review and discuss cases including appeals. Mr. Olds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

During investigative conference, the Board voted to take the following actions:

- **MT-14-093-098** forward to prosecutions
- **MT-11-025** - dismissed without prejudice
- **MT-11-026** – dismissed without prejudice
- **MT-11-094** – dismissed without prejudice
- **MT-15-101** – forward to prosecutions (Mr. Levine took no part in the deliberation or vote on this matter)
- **MT -15-048** – dismissed without prejudice

Item 7) 11:48 a.m. **Investigative Conference: New Cases-Appeals** [*closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C*]

- **MT- 15-094** -- uphold fine
- **MT-15-096** – uphold fine
- **MT-15-099** – uphold fine

Item 8) 12:01 p.m. **Final Decision and Order** [*Deliberative Session: closed session pursuant to G.L.30A §18 (5) (d)*]

Motion to suspend the investigative conference to enter closed session to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations pursuant to G.L, c. 30A, s. 18 (5)(d). Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Board deliberated on the final decision and orders in the matters of:

- **MT- 13-097**
- **MT-14-116**
- **MT-14-027**
- **MT-14-029**
- **MT- 14-036**
- **MT-12-193**

After the closed session, the open meeting resumed.

Item 9) 12:12p.m. **Open Session for topics:** (*not reasonably anticipated by chair 48 hours in advanced of meeting*).

- *Email to FeiYan Chen from Catherine of Lotus Mind & Body Work on January 14, 2015 regarding record keeping and S.O.A.P. note intake forms requirements-Although not required by the Board's regulations, the Board recommends this as sound professional practice. Peter Kelley will respond to this request.*

Item 10) 12:25 p.m. **Settlement Conference:** [*closed session pursuant to G.L.c.112, s65C*]

Motion to suspend the open meeting to conduct a settlement conferences pursuant to *MGL c. 112, §65C* to discuss the terms of a settlement agreement. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Board discussed settlement offers presented by prosecuting counsel.

At the end of the Closed Session, the open meeting resumed:

Item 11) 12:30 p.m. Adjournment

Mr. Levine moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Olds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Wendy Solis
Administrative Assistant